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Robert Marshall Collier's Papers

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Robert Marshall Collier became one of the largest plantation owners in middle Georgia. Here is a deed dated Dec. 1, 1858 where RMC acquired 201-1/2 acres from Williams Harp for a price of \$1,050.00.

Georgia }
Pike County) This Indenture made this first day of
December in the year of our Lord eighteen
hundred and fifty-eight, between William Sharp of
Upson County of the one part, and Robert M. Collier of
the County of Pike of the other part, both of the State
of Georgia, witnesseth that the said William Sharp
for and in consideration of the sum of one thousand
and fifty dollars to him in hand paid by the said
Robert M. Collier, the receipt of which is hereby
acknowledged hath this day bargained, sold con-
veyed, and confirmed, and by these presents doth
bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the
said Robert M. Collier, a certain tract or parcel
of land in the County of Pike containing two
hundred one and a half acres more or less, and
known and distinguished as lot eighty three in
the eighth district of Monroe now Pike County to
have and to hold said land and premises, with
all and singular rights, members and appurtenances
thereunto belonging, unto the said Robert M. Collier
his heirs and assigns forever, and the said William
Sharp doth by these presents for himself his heirs and
assigns, warrant, and defend said land and premises
against the lawful claim or claims of himself and
all other persons unto the said Robert M. Collier
his heirs and assigns in fee simple forever in
witness whereof he, the said William Sharp hath
hereunto set his hand, and affixed his seal the
day and year first above written

Signed Sealed delivered in *William Sharp* *W.S.*
the presence of
Thos. J.on. Graham
James P. Blasingame Jr.

Within a few months he is documented as buying another 100 acres from the Harp Estate. The price was \$600.00.

State of Georgia }

Pike County, Whence Thompson Graham
administrator of the Estate of William Harper
late of Pike County deceased after having obtained
an order from the County of Pike County
and Clerk and Clerkly advertising the same and on
the first Tuesday in July 1859 Espos to sale at public
outing before the Court house door in Tchulon.
a parcel of Land hereinafter described as the Real
estate of said William Harper when Robt M Collier
being the highest and best bidder the same
were knocked off to him at and for the price or
sum of Six hundred Dollars.

Now this indenture made this 5th day of July
1859 between the said Thompson Graham of the one
part as administrator as aforesaid and the said
Robt M Collier of the other part Witnesseth that the
said Thompson Graham administrator as aforesaid
for and in consideration of the sum of Six hundred
Dollars to him in hand paid at and before the
sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof
is hereby acknowledged both granted bargained sold
and Conveyed and by these presents doth grant
bargain sell and Convey unto the said Robt M
Collier his heirs and assigns all of the west half
of Lot of Land Number Twenty ^{even} (27) in the Eighth
district formerly Monroe now Pike County Containing
one hundred acres more or less.

To him and to his
said parcel of land with all and singular the rights
members and appertaining to the same in any manner
belonging to him the said Robt M Collier his heirs and
assigns forever in fee simple and the said Thompson

and assigns and against all and every person
or persons claiming under by or through the said
William Sharpe deceased by virtue of their present

In testimony whereof the said Thompson
Graham admr as aforesaid took bonds set
his hand and seal this the 5th day of July 1859
Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of

Wm. T. Collier attorney the third and
fourth lines before signing the
following words, in order from the Honorable ordinary
of said County }
W. G. Colquitt }
R. A. Ford Jr. P. } Thompson Graham admr
{ L S.

Robert Thomas Collier, son of Robert Marshall and Amanda F. Collier, was born Dec. 7, 1837. Robert Thomas was married to Sarah E. Stafford on May 6, 1856. He enlisted in the Woodson Guards, Company I, 32d Regiment, Georgia Volunteer Infantry, Army of Tennessee, C.S.A., as a private on May 7, 1862. Records show he died in Savannah prior to February 17, 1863. Measles is listed as the cause of death.

Robert Marshall settled the Estate of his son, Robert Thomas, in 1876, as shown by these two documents.

State of Georgia,

Pike

County.

By the Honorable Ordinary of said County.

TO *Wm. T. Garland, Thos. H. Black, Jas. B. Tarket,*
C. W. Green, & C. W. Rose,

These are to authorize and empower you, or any three of you, to make a just and true APPRAISEMENT of the Estate, Real and Personal, of *Robert T. Collier*

late of said county, deceased, in Dollars and Cents, as shall be produced or shown you by *Robert T. Collier*

the *Administrator* of the Estate of said *Robert T. Collier*

You, and each of you, first taking the oath required by law before some Justice of the Peace for said county, and that you will return the same, certified under your hands, and also a certificate of your having taken the oath thereto annexed, unto said *R. W. Collier* within the time prescribed by law.

Witness my hand and seal, the *3d* day of *January* 1876

S. P. Blasius yano Ordinary, [L. S.]

Received of R. W. Collier Admr. on the Estate
of R. T. Collier late of Pike County deceased Nine & 59/100
Dollars Expenses in obtaining Permanent Letters of
Administration on said Estate including Printers
fee. This January 3d 1876 *S. P. Blasius yano*
Ordinary

As Jena Cuthbert Collier put together his family's history, he sought information from those who had served with his uncle, Robert Thomas Collier. Here is the January 26, 1923 reply to his inquiry from an aging Confederate veteran.

P. S. Franklin lived close to this church and
kept (like his father) in close touch with
all burials at this church & took pride in
locating graves for enquiring friends D.W.S.

Mearesville Ga

Jan 26th 1923.

Mr. J. C. Collier

Barnesville Ga

My dear Sir..

In reply to yours of receipt date, making
enquiry about your Uncle Robert
Collier, beg to say that all I know
is that he joined our command I think
& in the fall of 1862 at Savannah Ga.
Co. "I" 32²⁹² Ga Regt & died I think June
1862 with measles if I remember correctly.
I had list of those who died at Savannah
but it has been mislaid.

He was tall & slender, I suppose was
6 feet 2 in. Write to W. L. Franklin Mayor
more familiarly known, or come to see him
he lives about one mile of Antioch church.

And the transcription:
him, he is the only one living that I know

Meansville, Ga.

Jan 26, 1925.

Mr. J. C. Collier,
Barnesville, Ga.

My dear Sir:

In reply to yours of recent date making inquiry about your Uncle Robert Collier, beg to say that all I know is that he joined our Command, I think in the fall of 1862 at Savannah, Ga., Company "I" 32 Georgia Regt. and died I think June 29, 1862 with measles if I remember correctly. I had list of those who died at Savannah, but it has been mislaid. He was tall and slender, I suppose was 6ft. 2 in..

Write to Mr. W. C. Franklin (Major) more familiarly known, or come to see him, he lives about one mile of Antioch Church. I have been sick or I might have seen him. He is the only one living that I know of, who can give you any information.

Your friend,

D. W. Lewis,

P. S. Franklin lived close to this church and kept (like his father) in close touch with all burials at this church and took pride in locating graves for inquiring friends.

D. W. L.

Robert Marshall Collier was deeded the land holdings of his mother, Martha Marshall Booker Collier (daughter-in-law of Vines and Elizabeth Collier), before she passed away. Here is the deed that transferred the property in 1870.

State of Georgia This indenture made this the sixteenth
of piston County day of February Eighteen hundred and
sixty, between Martha Collier of said
State and County of the one part and Robert M. Collier
Son of said Martha Collier of the same place of the other
part, witnesseth that the said Martha Collier for and in
consideration of the sum of five dollars to her in hand paid
the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and for and in
consideration of the natural love and affection which
she has and bears to her said son and also for and in
consideration that the said Robert M. Collier for a number of
years past, has faithfully attended to all of her business
and kindly cared for her comfort, and health, hath given
granted and conveyed and doth by these presents give, grant,
and convey to the said Robert M. Collier, his heirs and
assigns, all that tract or parcel of land, situate lying
and being in the tenth district, of the County aforesaid,
known by lot number sixty (60) Containing two hundred
two and one half acres more or less, also part of lot number sixty
one (61) in the same District Containing one hundred and fifty
seven acres more or less.

To have and to hold said tract or parcel
of land to him said Robert M. Collier, his heirs and assigns
together with all and singular the rights, members, and
appurtenances to the same in any manner belonging
to his and their own proper use, benefit and behoof
for ever in fee simple. With the distinct agreement
and understanding, that the said Martha Collier

is to reside on the premises and cultivate it, or
such portion as she may desire until her death,
free of rent.

In testimony whereof the said Martha
Collier hath hereunto set her hand and affixed her

Signed sealed and
delivered in presence of.

Signed sealed and
her

Martha A. Collier. [L.S.]

mark

John B. Greek

James R. Black, Jr.



Accorded.
Martha Collier

Notary
to the
State of Georgia
in the County of Fulton
March 10, 1893.

Georgia Superior Court
Bucks Office Superior Court
Recorded in Book 1 page
180. March 23, 1893
W.C. Jennings
Notary Public

After the death of Martha Marshall Booker Collier, Robert Marshall Collier administered her estate.

(No. 22.)

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.

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Georgia, Upson County.

BY THE HONORABLE THE ORDINARY OF SAID COUNTY.

Whereas, Mr. Martha M. Collier of this County, lately died intestate; having while she lived, and at the time of her death, divers Lands and Tenements, Goods, Rights and Credits, within the County aforesaid, by means whereof the full disposition and power of granting the administration of all and singular, the Goods, Rights and Credits of the said deceased, and also auditing the accounts, calculations and reckonings of said administration, and a final dismissal of the same to the Ordinary of said County, do of right belong: I, desiring that the Lands and Tenements, Goods, Rights and Credits of said deceased may be well and truly administered, converted and disposed of, do hereby grant unto

Robert M. Collier full power, by the tenor of these presents, to administer the Lands and Tenements, Goods, Rights and Credits of said deceased, which to her in her life-time and at the time of her death did belong, and to ask, levy, recover and receive the same, and pay the debts in which the deceased stood bound, so far forth as her Lands and Tenements, Goods, Rights and Credits will extend, according to their rate and order of Law, being first sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, to make a true and perfect Inventory thereof, and to exhibit the same to the Ordinary in the County aforesaid, in order to be recorded, on or before the second day of January next ensuing, and to render a just and true account of said administration, when thereto required; and you are hereby ordained, constituted and appointed Administrator of all and singular the Lands and Tenements, Goods, Rights and Credits of said deceased.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my Office, this second day of October, Eighteen Hundred and seventy six

Robert M. Collier
Ordinary. Upson County.

Georgia, up County.

BY THE HONORABLE THE ORDINARY OF SAID COUNTY.

To *Mr. Brown, James Tigner, James & Rose*
Levi McAllister, & Geo. H. Simms -

THESE are to authorize and empower you, or any three of you, to make a just and true
 appraisal of all and singular the Goods, Chattels, Lands and Tenements, (ready money
 excepted), of *Mr. Martha M. Collier*

..... late of said County, deceased, in dollars and cents, as
 shall be produced by *Robert M. Collier, Adm'*

the *Adm'* of the Estate of the said *Adm'*

You, and each of you, first taking the oath required by law, before some Justice of the Peace or
 any legal officer, or each other, for said County, and that you will return the same, certified under
 your hands, and also a certificate of your having taken the oath thereto annexed, unto the said

Administrator

within the time prescribed by law.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office, this

20 day of *Oct*, 1876.

Wm H. Collier Ordinary.

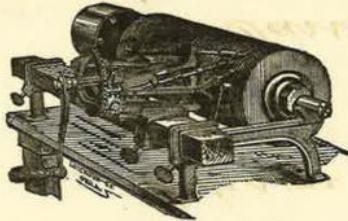
This document shows the portion of the estate received by Edith Louisa (Collier) Sharman, sister of
 Robert M. Collier.

The Rock Oct 31 1877

Rec of R. McCollister Administrators of Martha M
Collister deceased Two hundred & Twenty Dollars in full of
my Father & Mother's Estate & I enclose
six & March

Yours Adora Collister

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Pat. Sept. 14, 1880.

No. 232,321.

State of Georgia }
Upson County. }

E. L. Winham, Book and Job Printer, Atlanta, Ga.

Farm Right-

Know all Men by these Presents:

Whereas, **ALBERT A. WOOD**, of Fulton County, State of Georgia, did obtain letters patent of the United States Government for a **GIN SAW FILING MACHINE**, which letters patent bear date Sept. 14th, 1880, and No. 232,321, and

Whereas, for a consideration therein named, said Wood did, under seal, transfer and assign to **J. E. BARRETT**, of Fulton County, State of Georgia, on the 4th day of April, 1881, all his right and title to manufacture, use and vend the said invention to, and in the United States of America, and

Whereas, J. E. Barrett did, on the 27th day of June, 1881, sell, transfer and assign to **J. D. GREEN**, of Fulton County, Georgia, an undivided half interest in the above named patent.

Now, therefore, for and in consideration of Forty ~~one~~ 00 ~~100~~ Dollars to us in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we do hereby sell, assign and convey to Robt Collier & Thos Black all our right and title to use said machine for his the said Collier & Black ~~two in upson & one in fulton county~~ ~~their~~ ~~own personal use, and only~~ ~~on his individual gin;~~ and for no other person or persons whatever; said Collier & Black agreeing not to loan or hire, or allow said machine to be used on any Gin excepting those belonging to ~~them~~ ~~him~~. The same to be held and enjoyed by the said Collier & Black for their use and behalf their legal representatives and assigns to the full end of the term for which said **Letters Patent** were granted; to be held as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had this sale and transfer not been made.

In Testimony Whereof, We hereunto set our hand and seal, (using a scroll for seal.) Done in the County of Upson ~~or~~

In 1881, Robert Marshall Collier partnered with Thomas Black to purchase the rights to use a patented Gin Saw Filing Machine. *State of Kansas this 20th day of May A.D. 1881*
in the presence of

R. L. Baylor } *Barrett & Green* *L.S.*
B. B. Blum } *J. E. B. Collier*

Here is a list of items sold from the Jas. G. Whatley Estate. Robert Marshall Collier's second wife was Susan Jane Whatley. Many of the items at the sale were purchased by Robert Marshall Collier.

Kan.
Nov 17

List of Sale Estate of Jas G Whately

✓	Jordan Lyon	Lot of hoes Paid in	5.0.
✓	Cash	Axes and hoes	5.0
✓	Wm. Stephens	Hoes and Spades	1.00
✓	Samuel Saylor	Two ploughs with hoes	1.10
✓	Morgan Lyon Paid	Three plow stocks in	2.00
✓	Maria Adams	Lot of plow hoes	1.00
✓	Wm. L. McLean Paid in	" " "	1.80
✓	Alfred Mann	1 pair trace chains &c	1.10
✓	Samuel Saylor	Lot of old Irons	10.
✓	W. Moore Paid in	Hand Saw	5.
✓	John Palmer	Broad Ax's	3 5.0.
✓	Alfred Mann	Sack Plane	3.0
✓	Samuel Saylor	Scot Addy	5.
✓	James Sizemore	Sob bed screen	5.
✓	R. M. Blalock	Hammer and Dugger	10.
✓	Howard Elliott	Brace and Sids	1.10
✓	W. McLean Paid in	Chisel, rod, &c	3.0
✓	W. Remond	Large Auger	5.
✓	W. Remond	Coal box and coal tubs	1.10
✓	J. A. Gardner Paid	1 set plow gear in	2.50
✓	J. A. Gardner Paid	" " " " in	1.30
✓	J. A. Gardner Paid	" " " " in	1.60
✓	J. A. Gardner Paid	3 pair Hames	5.0
✓	W. Remond	Lot of old Hames	10.
✓	J. A. Elliott	Whell Barren Wheel	7.0
✓	R. A. Stephens	Blacksmith Tools	28.00
✓	Samuel Whately	Down Colter and Plow stocks	2.30
✓	Morgan Lyon Paid	Iron foot plow stocks in	1.20
✓	W. Remond	other plow stock	3.0
✓	" "	" " "	3.
✓	" "	" " "	3.
✓	" "	" " "	3.

✓ C. E. Lamdin	Standard Saw	4 50
✓ Samuel Saxon	✓ Maddux	✓ 13 ✓
✓ Henry Ferguson	3 Shovels plows	3 00 ✓
✓ Perry Adams	Lot Steel Shovels	2 25 ✓
✓ J. Rose	Lot of old plows	1 40 ✓
✓ J. Bankston	Dowels and single tree	75 ✓
✓ John Jackson	Lot of old hoes	40 ✓
✓ A. C. Whittle Paid	Iron Bar and Iron	2 00 ✓
✓ R. Collier	Lot of old Irons	23 ✓
✓ J. Ricardo	One hand anvil	1 00 ✓
✓ Davies	Leathong saddle	1 00 ✓
✓ Alvis Stafford	2 75 ✓
✓ James Adams	Lot of Irons	1 60 ✓
✓ Frank Davis	Scythes blades and box	25 ✓
✓ " "	Leathong Stove	5 00 ✓
✓ Mr. G. Cochran Paid	Turning Lathe	10 ✓
✓ R. Collier	3 bushels of hay mow less	6 00 ✓
✓ Davies	Wheat per bushel 1.55	✓
✓ Charles Baby	5 bushels oats 1	5 00 ✓
✓ Alvis Stafford	5 1	5 00 ✓
✓ Mather Hall	5 1	5 00 ✓
✓ Alfred Mann	5 1	5 00 ✓
✓ Mather Hall	Rubberman 1 per bushel	✓
✓ C. E. Lamdin	Scyths cradles	1 30 ✓
✓ Henry Ferguson	Standard hoe	63 ✓
✓ Alvis Stafford	Lin Cottong per pound 83	✓
✓ Mr. Stephens	Wheat Thresh	40 00 ✓
✓ Alvis Stafford	Cotton gin	26 00 ✓
✓ Alvis Stafford	Cotton in seed per pound 135	✓
✓ R. R. Collier	Wheat fan	✓ 75 ✓
✓	Poss. chain	✓
✓ Dr. Galvin	Box of Place Home 2032	✓
✓ Charles Baby	Cardboard with box 10 00	✓
✓ R. R. Collier	Carriage Harness	✓ 32 00 ✓

50 ✓ Dr. J. Lewis
 13 ✓ John Jackson
 20 ✓ Davis
 23 ✓ R. M. Collier
 60 ✓ Saxon
 73 ✓ R. M. Collier
 40 ✓ " " "
 20 ✓ R. M. Collier
 23 ✓ John Jackson
 50 ✓ Saxon
 50 ✓ Saxon
 73 ✓ Saxon
 60 ✓ Saxon
 50 ✓ Saxon
 23 ✓ R. M. Hightower
 00 ✓ J. B. Thompson
 10 ✓ R. M. Collier
 20 ✓ R. M. Collier
 20 ✓ Dr. Garrison
 00 ✓ R. M. Collier
 50 ✓ H. Rivers
 50 ✓ R. M. Collier
 50 ✓ H. Rivers
 50 ✓ R. M. Collier
 63 ✓ Collier
 ✓ Col. Hamer
 00 ✓ Chas. Baley
 00 ✓ " "
 00 ✓ R. M. Williams
 73 ✓ Saxon
 ✓ David Adams
 ✓ R. M. Collier
 ✓ T. B. Stafford
 00

Buggy and horses	38.00
Seesaw wagon	21.00
Backing tub	2.60
Pr. cart	✓ 3.25
Bull	✓ 15.50
White faced cow	✓ 19.00
White and yellow cow	✓ 21.00
Speckled heifer	✓ 32.00
Pair bulls	13.00
2 yearlings	✓ 12.35
2 white heifers	✓ 19.35
3 pied heifers	✓ 16.00
Shooper	✓ 18.25
Rid corn	✓ 17.50
Yoke of oxen	100.00
13 horses wagon	59.00
Road wagon	✓ 100.00
Corn sheller	✓ 12.00
Straw cutter	✓ 12.50
" "	✓ 25.
Corn mill	11.00
Cream milker	✓ 28.00
Lipu milker	90.00
Baby milker	✓ 70.00
Milk coop	✓ 34.00
Well chain	5.25
1st pair of pigs	3.25
3rd sow w. "	4.00
3rd sow light w. "	3.00
4th spotted sow pigs	✓ 1.75
4th 2nd spotted sow pigs	6.00
6th mouse colored sow	✓ 1.00
7th sow and two pigs	3.25

✓ Saxon	Stock horses	✓ 21	75
✓	3 1 st choice	✓ 19	23
✓	3 2 nd	✓ 18	00
✓	3 3 rd	✓ 10	00
✓	3 4 th	✓	
✓	Flomander furniture	✓	
✓ Saxon	3 1 st choice, following horses	✓ 50	23
✓	3 2 nd	✓ 42	23
✓	3 3 rd	✓ 35	00
✓	3 4 th	✓ 34	00
✓	3 5 th	✓ 31	00
✓ Saxon	3 1 st choice sheep	✓ 10	70
✓	3 2 nd	✓ 10	00
	Remainder	✓ 9	00
	25 boards furniture	✓ 15	1
✓ Ferguson	25 Michele's	✓ 15	1
✓ Stafford	25	✓ 15	1
✓ Jackson	25	✓ 0	
✓ Dr. Hartman	25	✓ 15	1
✓ Staffor & Alvin	House of shucks	✓ 22	00
✓ Mathews and Sons	one thousand lbs feeder	✓ 130	
✓	290	✓ 130	
✓	150		
✓	Remainder	✓ 125	
✓ R. M. Collier	Piano	✓ 1	00
✓	Sofa	✓ 10	00
✓	Rocking chair	✓ 8	50
✓	5 Pictures	✓ 5	00
✓ John Jackson	Book case	✓ 18	00
✓ R. M. Collier	Table small	✓ 3	00
✓	Lot of books	✓ 1	00
✓	Mason Farmer Paint	✓ 25	
✓	2 Books	✓ 30	

3 Thoughts on “Robert Marshall Collier’s Papers”



Michelle Redus

on [June 7, 2015 at 9:34 am](#) said:

[Edit](#)

It's amazing how just a mere piece of paper (or onion skin 😊) can encapsule so much history and knowledge of our ancestors. The document showing the rights to use the saw filling machine is like artwork...what a find!

[Reply](#)



Tom Brigman

on [September 26, 2015 at 10:42 pm](#) said:

[Edit](#)

I read the June 15, 2015 issue of Collier Heritage and was glad to see the information about Robert Thomas Collier. I had wondered where his death date of June 29, 1862, originated. The Confederate record just list it as prior to Feb 17, 1863. I am very interested in any information on Robert Thomas Collier and his son Robert Thomas, as my wife is a descendant of Robert Thomas Collier. If anyone has information on this line please contact me. Thanks.

[Reply](#)



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on [September 27, 2015 at 8:29 am](#) said:

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Tom,

Thank you for your inquiry. We are grateful you have found something here of interest to you.

The date came from the handwritten letter of D. W. Lewis (above) in response to an inquiry from J C Collier. Lewis apparently served with Robert Thomas Collier. His response to J C was written in 1923, some 60 years after Robert Thomas' death, so that should be considered in assessing its accuracy. There may be other relevant information still to be found in the papers of Robert Marshall Collier. We will keep your interest in mind.

If your wife is a descendant of Robert Thomas Collier, she may also be interested in documents related

to the Staffords, which was the maiden name of Robert Thomas' wife. There many Stafford papers which have not yet been inventoried. If you are interested please send me an email at collierheritage@gmail.com and I can send a you few items that may not be posted here for some time.

Meanwhile, please "SUBSCRIBE" here so that you can follow our posts.

Glen Collier

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